IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--11. A method of coupling a device for automatically extracting a straw in a container to a cover, wherein the device includes a straw-supporting member that is adapted to be subjected to elastic deformation, the method comprising:

coupling together the cover and the device; and

causing the straw supporting member to move from a first position to a second position.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the causing comprises one of:

deflecting the straw supporting member; and

tensioning the straw supporting member.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the straw supporting member moves from the first position to the second position when the cover is one of, directly or indirectly, coupled to the device.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the straw supporting member comprises an elastically deformable retention arm that is adapted to be tensioned by elastic deformation.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the elastically deformable retention arm includes a retention mechanism adapted to retain the straw.

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16. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

securing the straw to the straw-supporting member to thereby form an intermediate subassembly; and

coupling the intermediate subassembly to the cover to form a closure subassembly.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the securing comprises securing the straw to an elastically deformable retention arm of the straw-supporting member to thereby form an intermediate subassembly.

18. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

filling a container with a desired beverage;

positioning the closure subassembly in the container; and

securing the cover on the container.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the securing of the cover comprises crimping the cover on the container.

20. The method of claim 11, wherein the straw-supporting member comprises an elastically deformable retention arm having a projection and wherein the method further comprises:

engaging the cover with the projection,

whereby the elastically deformable retention arm is one of deflected or tensioned.

21. The method of claim 11, wherein the straw-supporting member comprises an elastically deformable retention arm and wherein the method further comprises:

engaging the cover with the straw,

whereby the elastically deformable retention arm is one of deflected or tensioned.

22. A device for extracting a straw comprising:

a straw-supporting member having an elastically deformable retention arm which comprises a free end and at least another end;

a body comprising one of a peripheral portion and an annular portion;

the at least another end of the elastically deformable retention arm being connected

to the body; and

the free end including a straw retaining mechanism,

wherein the device is adapted to be coupled to a container.

23. The device of claim 22, wherein the straw retaining mechanism comprises a retaining tube portion.

24. The device of claim 22, wherein the straw retaining mechanism is made as a single piece.

25. The device of claim 24, wherein the straw retaining mechanism comprises an injected plastic material.

26. The device of claim 24, wherein the body comprises a succession of deformable lips, whereby the deformable lips are adapted to be peripherally sandwiched upon crimping of a cover onto a container.

27. The device of claim 26, wherein the deformable lips are adapted to be peripherally sandwiched between a crimping groove and an upper peripheral rim of the container.

28. The device of claim 22, wherein the straw retaining mechanism comprises a retention arm and an actuation arm that is adapted to be actuated and displaced during an opening of the container.

29. The device of claim 22, wherein the straw retaining mechanism comprises a first and a second elastically deformable zone, the first elastically deformable zone enabling a retention arm to move in a first pivoting direction and the second elastically deformable zone enabling a retention arm to move in a second pivoting direction.

30. The device of claim 29, wherein the first pivoting direction comprises movement about a vertical pivoting axis, and the second pivoting direction comprises movement about a horizontal pivoting axis.

31. A method of coupling a device for automatically extracting a straw to a cover, wherein the device includes a straw-supporting member that is adapted to be subjected to elastic deflection, the method comprising:

coupling together the cover and the device; and

causing the straw supporting member to move from a first position to a second position.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the straw supporting member moves from the first position to the second position when the cover is coupled to the device.

33. The method of claim 31, wherein the straw supporting member comprises an elastically deflecting retention arm.

34. The method of claim 31, wherein the elastically deflecting retention arm includes a retention mechanism adapted to retain the straw.

35. The method of claim 31, further comprising:

securing the straw to the straw-supporting member to thereby form an intermediate subassembly; and

coupling of the intermediate subassembly to the cover to form a closure subassembly.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the securing comprises securing the straw to an elastically deflecting retention arm of the straw-supporting member to thereby form an intermediate subassembly.

37. The method of claim 35, further comprising:

filling a container with a desired beverage;

positioning the closure subassembly in the container; and

securing the cover on the container.

38. A device for extracting a straw comprising:

a straw-supporting member having an elastically deflectable retention arm which comprises a free end and at least another end;

a body comprising one of a peripheral portion and an annular portion;

the at least another end of the elastically deformable retention arm being connected to the body; and

the free end including a straw retaining mechanism,

wherein the device is adapted to be coupled to at least one of the cover and a container.

39. The device of claim 38, wherein the straw retaining mechanism comprises a retaining tube portion.

40. The device of claim 38, wherein the body comprises a succession of deformable lips, whereby the deformable lips are adapted to be peripherally sandwiched upon crimping